Sleeping Flower
(The flower that sleeps in the sea)
ICHINOKAN
SHUNGIKU NAKAMURA

Tha crimson darkness coverd tha world up, then he lost everything.
Trust, onfidence and tha people he got to love
Withdrawn and scared with warmth. Alone,he fights against his fate.
Destiny swells and carries him somewhere
And there will be a new encounter
Someday he gets tha truth in his hands.

Yet he doesn`t know who he is.

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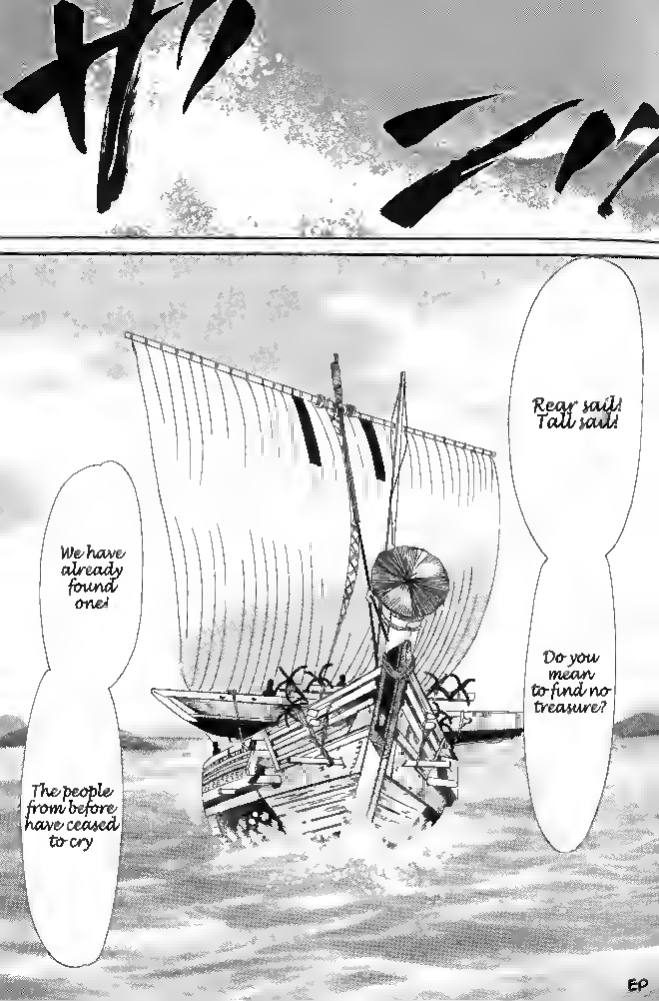
He had forgotten
how to breathe
deeply
Has something begun?
Why?
What began it?
What is this red blood?
He can't
breathe . . .

中村
Shunjiku Nakamura
春菊
一の段
Sleeping Flower
眠り花

Fate
is always
laughing at me


Rear sail! Tail sail!
Do you mean to find no treasure?
We have already found one!
The people from before have ceased to cry

splashhhhhh
The tears that were shed have gone to the sea...
Their ship is rapidly heading for the rocks...
The rocks' memories will be such-and-such
One in the wall of rock, two in mother of pearl...
swoosh

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! OUR DESTINATIONS WERE THE SAME FROM THE BEGINNING!
WHAT'S A FEW EXTRA PASSENGERS?
IF WE'D TAKEN THE OVERLAND ROUTE ALL THE WAY TO OSAKA, I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY MONTHS WE WOULD HAVE BEEN AT IT!
AND YOU'VE SAVED US BESIDES!
AH! IT'S SO NICE TODAY! THIS MUST BE WHAT THEY MEAN BY 'FAVORABLE SAILING WEATHER'!
Three in Sanuki-ken's sandlewood paper
.....
SAMURAI-SAMA, ARE YOU GOING TO OSAKA IN SEARCH OF KNOWLEDGE AS WELL?
WELL, YOU'D THINK SO
IT'S USUALLY GULLS, ISN'T IT?
kaw
kaw
IS THAT RIGHT?
CO COME TO THINK ABOUT IT, THERE ARE SURE A LOT OF CROWS ON THE INLAND SEA NOW, AREN'T THERE

NO ...
NO, IT CAN'T BE
THERE, THE HALF-WHITE ONE. HE'S BEEN CIRCLING THE SHIP FOR A WHILE NOW, ROUND AND ROUND
IS THAT ONE A CROW, TOO?
EH?
THEY'RE COMING!!
LOOK OUT! RUN!!
WHA - WHAT!?
A SHIP, FROM THE SIDE . . .!!
CAPTAIN!!
GET MOVING ANY WAY YOU CAN, BUT WE HAVE TO RUN!!
HELM FULL TO STARBOARD!!
HEY! WHAT IS IT?! WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
EO

HE'S HERE!
IT'S
YATAGARASU!!

WHISTLE
WHISTLE
WAAAAAAAHH!
EEEEEEK!
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
WHAT IS IT? P-PIRA-TES?

SHIVER
SHAKE
SHIVER
WHAAA

DASH!
SHIT-!!
SA-SAMURAI-SAMA, I BEG YOU, DEFEND US AGAINST THESE PEOPLE!!
IF IT'S MONEY YOU WANT, I'LL FIND AS MUCH AS YOU ASK FOR!!
AAAAAAAGH!
THWACK!
HOP
@U--!!
HMPH
IDIOTS!

stab
!?
THUMP
GYA--!!
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T MURDERERS
A SAMURAI, HUH

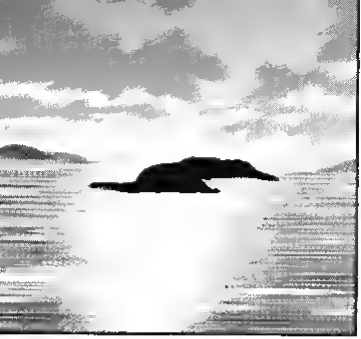
FINE!
THERE'S JUST ONE MORE SOUVENIR I NEED TO PICK UP
CHIEF!! WE'RE ALL THROUGH! SHOULD WE GET GOING!?
HM MMM
SOME NICE WORKMAN-SHIP HERE
I'LL TAKE THAT SWORD OF YOURS I THINK
WE'LL MAKE A TRADE GIVE IT TO ME PEACE-FULLY
AND I'LL RETURN HOME PEACE-FULLY
.....
CAT GOT YOUR TON-GUE?
BEST BE CAREFUL, I'VE GOT A SHORT TEMPER
IF YOU WERE A LIVING BOMB, IT WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH TO SCARE ME
EP

SHUT UP!!
YOU -
YOU STIN -KING --
hop
hop
WHAT?!
SWISH
WHAT THE---!!
SWISH

RUNNING AWAY
COME BACK HERE, BASTARD!!
DAMMIT, DON'T MESS WITH ME!!
DAMN!
EP.

SHUKKYU
GIN!
!!
HE'S COMING!!

EP



GYA!!!
THE CHIEF'S FALLEN OVER -BOARD!!
IDIOTS!
SO NOW, WHILE THEY'RE BUSY!
KASHK
YE - YESSIR!

STAB
STAB
STAB
THIS SUCKS, THIS SUCKS, THIS SUCKS !!
NEXT TIME I SEE THAT GUY, I AM GONNA SHRED HIM!!
RAAAAAARGH!!
TWITCH!
YOU UNGRATEFUL LITTLE COW
THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE NOT HURT RIGHT NOW IS CAUSE GRANDDAD'S WATCHING OVER YOU
DON'T BE AN IDIOT! BLUSTER ALL YOU WANT, BUT IT'LL JUST END UP LIKE THIS TIME AGAIN

WHAT WAS THAT, YOU LITTLE--
SAKAKI!!
AND I SEE 'FIFTY-YEAR-OLD SPINSTER' WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE
YOU, TOO! YOU SHOULD HURRY UP AND MARRY! I LOOK AT YOU
'THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN. IN FACT I HAVE MANY ADMIRERS!'
HOWEVER HAVING SUCH STRANGE RELATIVES DOES HARM MY CHANCES
HMPH!
IF YOU'RE EMBARRASSED AND YOU WANT ME TO SPEAK TO YOU POLITELY, BECOME A REALLY GREAT PERSON SO THAT I WOULD WANT TO
EH?
IS THAT A WAY TO ADDRESS TO YOUR OLDER BROTHER?
OH GREAT ELDER BROTHER
The name of that character might not be correct
"JUURO!"
YOU TOO-MAKOTO DID YOU FINISH YOUR WORK YET?
DON'T SQUABBLE! HURRY UP AND GET SOME CLOTHES ON
YOU'LL CATCH A COLD!
SURE WHATEVER
EP

LOOK
DAMMIT, DID IT OPEN AGAIN?!
OH, YEAH! THAT'S FROM WHEN THAT LOWLIFE THREW HIS KNIFE AT ME!
THAT'S RARE USUALLY, PEOPLE CAN'T EVEN TOUCH YOU...
HEY YOU'RE BLEEDING
GYAAAAAAA!!!
CHU!
NO!! IF SOMEBODY'S GOING TO DO THAT TO THE BOSS, THEN LET ME!!
JULIO -KUN YOU'RE KINDA
ARE YOU OKAY? I GUESS IT HURTS
EP

AND THERE WAS SAKE IN THE CARGO! TONIGHT IS ON THE HOUSE!!
FOOD ALWAYS TASTES ESPECIALLY GREAT AFTER A JOB, DOESN'T IT?
HEY! LET'S GET SOME SECONDS OVER HERE!!
オーッ

PHEW! GREAT, IT'S JUST A LITTLE MORE RAGGED
THAT'S A MEMENTO OF GRANDDAD SO TAKE BETTER CARE OF IT, WOULD YA?!
OH?
SIS BROTHER SAKAKI! I BORROWED YOUR MAP!
IT'S A MAP TO THE HIDING PLACE OF HOUSHIN'S TREASURE
THAT THOSE THAT WAS LEFT TO HIM BY THE CHIEF'S GRAND-FATHER
WHAT? YOU DON'T KNOW?!
THE HOUSHIN'S TREASURE!?
RANMA IT OFF!
Yaaay!
WHAT'S THAT MAP THE CHIEF HAS, ANYWAY?
FINE, THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH!
WHAT'S THE STORY!?
IT'S JUST A FAIRY TALE
CHIEF!! SERIOUS-LY!?

WAA!
JWAF
JWAF
SCRIPE SCRIPE
AH!
WELL, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE SAY THAT, WHEN THE HOUSE OF THE HOUSHIN WAS AT THE HEIGHT OF ITS PROSPERITY, ITS PEOPLE BURIED THEIR TREASURE ON SOME ISLAND SOMEWHERE
THEY'D HEARD THAT THERE WAS A VERY INTERESTING STORY ABOUT THEIR TREASURES CIRCULATING AMONG THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE LAND, AND SO SECRETLY, THE HOUSE CALLED ITS LABORERS OUT IN FULL FORCE AND HAD THOSE TREASURES BURIED
WELL, AS EXPECTED... IN ORDER TO KEEP THEM FROM TELLING ABOUT THE SECRET, THE LABORERS WERE THEN KILLED
OUT OF ALL OF THEM, ONLY ONE MAN MANAGED TO ESCAPE
AND THAT MAN WAS YOUR GRANDFATHER, CHIEF?
THAT'S IT
DAFT
EP

BUT EVEN SO, IF THEY'D CAUGHT HIM THEY WOULD HAVE KILLED HIM, YOU KNOW?
GRANDDAD HAD NO REAL INTEREST IN GOLD OR THINGS LIKE THAT. I DON'T THINK HE CONSIDERED STEALING THE BURIED TREASURES FOR ME EITHER
SO, HE CALLED FOR HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN TO CROSS TO THIS ISLAND SECRETLY. AND THAT'S WHEN THEY FIRST BEGAN LIVING HERE
FOR ONE THING, WHAT I'VE GOT IS ONLY HALF OF THE MAP. EVEN IF IT WERE THE WHOLE THING, IT STILL WOULDN'T BE A GOOD BET
SU-EEETCH!
THAT'S WHY I SAID IT'S A FAIRY TALE. A STORY MADE UP TO PLEASE LITTLE KIDS!
WOOOOOW!!
AWESOME!!!
LET'S GO FIND IT!!
IF WE FOUND THE HOUSHIN'S TREASURE WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO LIFT A FINGER FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES!!
BUSY-BUSY!
HWWWWWW!
Nooooo!!
WELL, PEOPLE HAVE TO DREAM, I SUPPOSE
DAMN! WHAT'S THE POINT, THEN?
EO

CRASH!
WHAT WAS THAT?! YOU HAG!!
WHAT DID YOU JUST CALL ME?!
THUD!
LET'S GO TO OUSHIMA TOMORROW AND BUY SOME GIRLS!!
YEAH!!
THAT'S FOR SURE!! IT'S BECAUSE HE'S TAKING AFTER THE BAD-TEMPERED GUY WHO DOES FEED HIM!
IF YOU'RE CLUMSY WITH HIM, HE'LL HURT YOU!
STOP THAT SHIROKUMO WON'T LET ANYONE BUT ME TOUCH HIM

THAT'S RIGHT, SIR. THIS ISLAND RIGHT HERE IS OUSHIMA
IT SHOULD BE ROUND HERE
THEN THIS BLACKED-OUT SPOT RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE IS ...?
CLATTER
YEP. THIS IS IT
ANYWAYS, WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOUR MAP? DID IT GET TORN?
SO I'VE FOUND YOU . .
MUROU MIKAGE

We have already found one!
THEN AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO SING DIFFERENT LYRICS?
WHERE'S MAKOTO?
SHE WENT TO THE MARKET TO SHOP
HUH
THAT SMOKE?
BEAT ME. THOSE ARE THE ONLY ONES MY GRANDDAD TAUGHT ME
CRUISING FOR PROSTITU-TES
WHERE IS EVERY-BODY?
Rear sail!
Trail sail!
Do you mean to find no treasure?

THE HOSTESS HERE TOLD ME APPARENTLY IT'S SOME SHOGUNATE OFFICIALS OR SOMETHING
EDO? HOW DO YOU KNOW?
HEY! COME LOOK AT THIS!
THAT SHIP THAT'S JUST LEAVING CAME FROM EDO**
**Edo is the Ancient Head city of Japan now known as Kyoto
WHAT COULD OFFICIALS FROM EDO POSSIBLY WANT ON A BACKWATER ISLAND LIKE THIS?
LIKE I'D KNOWN
HEY
YOU NEED TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND MAKOTO'S FEELINGS MORE
.....
GRUMP
GRUMP
EP

SEE, THAT'S WHY I'M SAYIN' IT YOU SHOULD TRY TO BE WITH HER MORE - LIKE HER SHOPPING TRIP TODAY YOU COULD HAVE GONE WITH HER ON THAT
I MEAN, SPEAKING AS YOUR BOSS...!!!
HRM, AHEM...
I MEAN, SHE LIKES YOU YOU KNOW?
I KNOW

IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT NEITHER O F YOU SHOULD SET YOUR HOPES UP
PINNING YOUR HOPES ON SOMETHING LIKE THAT, IN A CASE LIKE THIS IS CRUEL MORE OFTEN THAN NOT
.....
I LIKE HER
YOU AND I AND MAKOTO HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE WE WERE KIDS; THERE'S NO REASON I SHOULDN'T LIKE HER
NO, SEE, I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT BROTHERLY FEELINGS TOWARDS HER....

YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT, BUT...
I'VE ONLY GOT ONE FAMILY, YOU KNOW
THERE, IT'S FINISHED
AND I ALSO DON'T WANT TO TURN INTO SOME WEIRD BASTARD
SEEING AS THAT'S KIND OF A WEAK POINT AS FAR AS YOU'RE --
...JULIRO?

HOLD IT! HEY!
I SAID --!!
WHAT THE-- HEY, JUUPO!
AHGH!
. . . HEY -HEY -HEY!!
THAT'S FINE, JUST, CALM DOWN, NOW!
THE ONE I LOVE IS . . .
YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU?
ED

I WAS SERIOUS
WAIT!
HOLD IT!
O-OKAY!
SO WE WENT @REEK A COUPLE OF TIMES IN THE PAST --
BUT!
WE WERE KIDS, IT WAS STUPID, AND WE WERE JUST FOOLING AROUND! IT WAS PURE RAMPANT SEX DRIVE, THAT'S ALL!
BUT!!
YOU SAID IT YOURSELF JUST NOW!
I'M A GUY!
SO WHAT?
THIS'LL JUST MAKE YOU FEEL WORSE! DON'T YOU GET IT?! HEY!!
JUST EMBRACING WITH BODIES WHEN YOU DON'T ACTUALLY FEEL ANYTHING IS USELESS!
'PINNING YOUR HOPES ON SOMETHING LIKE THAT IS CRUEL'!
EP

SO. WHAT
GIVE IT UP
JUURO
ED

ha
NN....
NNN
NN-
HAH
HAH
ha
ha
NN-
HAH -
HAAH
HEY--
WA - WAIT!
ha
ha
HAH
ha
ha
EP

start up
WHA - WHAT IS THAT?!
EEEE

WHAT?
IT'S HIM! THE BAMBOO-HAT GUY FROM YESTERDAY!!
I GOTTA GO THANK HIM FOR JUMPING OUT HERE ON HIS OWN!
WE'RE GONNA SETTLE THIS!!
HEY! SAKAKI!
SLAM!
SAKAKI !!
CAW!
flap flap flap
EP

THUD!!
DON'T KILL HIM! NAITOU-SAMA'S ORDERS WERE TO BRING HIM BACK ALIVE!
IT'S HERE! HE HAS THE MAP!!
STOP!
GIVE IT BACK!!
rustle rustle

WHO - WHO'S THAT!?
OH? SO THIS IS IMPORTANT TO YOU, HUH?
YO
YOU CAUSED ME A HECK OF A LOT OF TROUBLE YESTERDAY
I CAME TO PAY YOU BACK
!
ED

GET IN THE WAY AND YOU'LL DIE!!
HUH?
YOU! YOU'RE MUROU'S HENCHMAN, THEN?!
WAH!
WHAT THE --!!
ビュッ!!
THOSE WHO OPPOSE US OPPOSE OUR MASTER!!
HUH?!
WHAT'S WITH YOU PEOPLE?!
EP

ERK!
GYA-!!
WHOOPS!
HOP
DAMMIT! WITH A WOUND LIKE THAT ---
FIRST THINGS FIRST RETREAT!!
HASH
HASH

HAH..
HAH..
HEH... SO, THIS IS SO IMPORTANT THAT YOU'LL KILL PEOPLE TO PROTECT IT?
GIVE THAT BACK . . !!
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
HAH...
HAH...
HAH..
HAH...
RUSTLE
KILL PEOPLE THAT WERE CHASING YOU, NO LESS
HMM/ INTERESTING LITTLE THING, THIS
WHAT ON EARTH COULD IT BE?
!

HUH? HEY...
THIS ISN'T...
GRAND-DAD & TREASURE
POP!

HOW COME YOU'VE GOT THIS?
YOU -
YOU BAS --
EP

GET BACK HERE!
THAT'S MY MEMENTO OF GRAND -DAD!
GIVE IT BACK, YOU FILTHY --!!
GH--!
THUMP
CRUMPLE
GRRRRR
NOW I'M REALLY MAD!!

HEH . . .
IS THAT IT? YOU CAN ATTACK ME SO VIOLENTLY, AND YOU CAN'T EVEN KNOCK A TOOTH OUT?
BY THE WAY, I DO STILL WANT THAT SWORD
JITTER
JITTER
JITTER

CLASH
CLASH
CLATTER
DASH
THROB
DON'T WORRY!
I WON'T KILL YA!!

!!
WHOOSH!
SLIDE
JUST THE HAT?!
EP

. . . EH?
.....
WAH!
SLAM
AH -
HEY!
RUSTLE..
WAIT
!!

It was a guy...
.....
.....
What in the...
That was
a girl?
No
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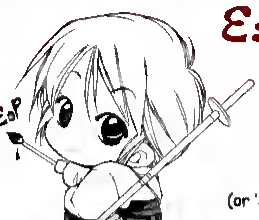

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Sleeping Flower

ARE YOU AN IDIOT?
SO
YOU WENT RUNNING OUT TO GET REVENGE, GOT GRANDDAD'S MEMENTO STOLEN FROM YOU INSTEAD, AND THEN YOU JUST COME PEACEFULLY HOME?

PIERCING GLARE

.....
TUG
LIKE I COULDVE DONE ANYTHING ELSE?!
ANYBODY WHO KNOCKED OFF A HELOHANO'S HAT AND SAW THAT FACE WOULDVE . . .
"THAT FACE"?
WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED?! THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU, CHIEF!
IT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GET TOO PROUD OF YOURSELF!

Anybody would have been
Fascinated
.....
I DON'T GET IT A SAMURAI WHOM WE'VE NEVER SEEN HAS A FRAGMENT OF GRANDDAD'S MAP
AND HE'S BEING CHASED BY MORE SAMURAI..
NOTHING
YEAH. THAT'S IT PLUS BOTH SIDES LOOKED AS THOUGH THEY'D BE WILLING TO KILL OR DO GOD-KNOWS -WHAT-ELSE FOR THE MAP
I KNEW IT!! IT'S THE HOUSHIN TREASURE!! THEY'RE AIMING FOR THAT!!
THUMP!
THAT'S WHY I SAID, THAT'S A FAIRY TALE!
AT ANY RATE, THAT MAP'S A VERY IMPORTANT THING
YOUR OPPONENT IS A LONE, INJURED MAN. GO TAKE IT BACK!!
Gyaaa! Get! Uhy no!!!
HEY, HOLD IT!

EP

I'd heard Yukito-san was going to Tokyo!
Yeah
Yeah
Me too!!
FINE! THEN I'M GOING TOO!!
JUNPEI, YOU'LL HELP ME, WON'T YOU?
I DON'T REALLY MIND EITHER WAY...
WOULD YOU QUIT USING YOUR FRIENDS TO DO YOUR WORK FOR YOU?!
THIS IS YOUR MESS.
YOU CLEAN IT UP!!

I'M HOME!
THE MASTER'S GIVEN ME A VACATION!!
IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS
HAVE YOU BEEN WELL?
FATHER
MOTHER
MIDORI

You know, don't you?!
MY LITTLE SISTER . . .?!
WHERE IS MIOORI!!

You look as though you really don't know...
You...
What kind of human you are...
the survivor
EP

YOU
WAAAAAHH!!
ガバッ

WAH!
AAAAH!
SWISH
STOP IT!!
STOP!!
SWISH
pant
pant
.. AH
Chirp chirp chirp
pant
kah kah
kah
.....
trap trap

ドドド

As I thought
Only the center island
is blacked out
There might be
a clue here...
THROB!
EH
It's all
right
I can
still
walk
No matter
It was probably
something
he'd stolen
That was unexpected,
though...
To think that pirate
would have this map...

THUMP
... A FLOWER

NAITOU KAZUMA !!
BEAUTIFUL AS ALWAYS...
MUROU MIKAGE

YOU REMEMBERED MY NAME
OH? I'M GLAD

SHAKING
HOW DARE YOU JUST WALK UP TO ME AFTER --
YOU BASTARD!!
KACHINK

STAY BACK!!
I HEARD OF A TRAVELER ON THE TOUKAIDOU HIGHWAY SKILLED WITH A SWORD SO I CAME TO SEE
I'M TOLD YOU PUT IN SOME BRILLIANT WORK YESTERDAY, CUTTING DOWN MY MEN
HMPH!

DON'T MAKE SUCH TERRIBLE FACES
YOU'LL RUIN YOUR PRETTY FACE!
STAY BACK!
STAY BACK, OR I'LL CUT YOU!!
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT ENTRUSTED TO ME BY THE SHOGUNATE AND---
HE'S RIGHT
DON'T LASH OUT AT HIM
I HAVE NO DESIRE TO KILL THAT PERSON
THAT IS, SO LONG AS HE KINDLY RETURNS THE MAP TO ME
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO TALK NONSENSE WITH YOU!!
GET BACK, RIGHT NOW!
SWOOSH
I THOUGHT YOU'D FIND YOURSELF AT AN IMPASSE VERY SOON, BUT . . .
THE INFORMATION YOUR GREATNESS HAS IS JUST A FRAGMENT OF MAP THAT SHOWS NOTHING BUT THE POSITION OF THAT ISLAND
SAY WHAT YOU LIKE, BUT WHERE DOES YOUR GREATNESS INTEND TO GO FROM HERE?

EP

THERE HAS TO BE A PIECE THAT COMPLETES THE MAP, DOESN'T THERE?
!!
WHAM

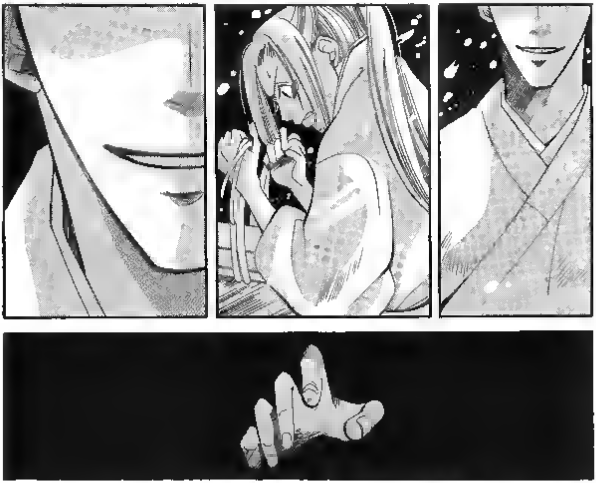
DON'T BE IN SUCH A HURRY TO DIE
MIKADE
EP

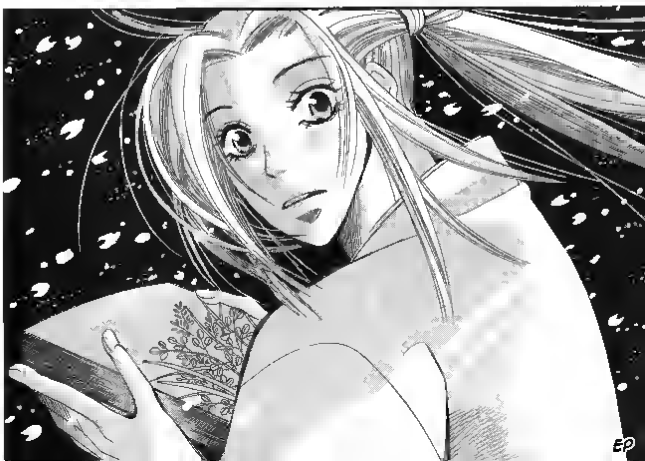
STOMP!
IF YOU TURN HONEST AND COOPERATE WITH US, YOUR LIFE WILL BE ASSURED...
OUR LORD HAS SAID SO HIMSELF
ASH--
YOU'LL REACH YOUR LIMITS VERY SOON
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN THINKING IT YOURSELF
WHAT ON EARTH CAN YOU DO ALONE?
HE ORDERED MY PARENTS KILLED--
BECAUSE THEY REBELLED AGAINST HIM
YOUR GREATNESS' FAMILY MUST NEVER FORGET THAT THEY OWE THEIR VERY LIVES TO OUR LORD'S MERCY

WHO KNOWS?!
THERE MUST BE THINGS THAT ONLY YOU KNOW
GIVE UP THE MAP QUIETLY, AND COOPERATE WITH US.
SQUISH
WHAT MERCY
-- ASH!
!!
THAT'S RIGHT. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LET YOURSELF BE HELD
WHAT DO YOU THINK? RIGHT NOW, YOUR GREATNESS IS IN A POSITION TO BE UNDER A VERY GENTLE CONTROL.
I MYSELF AM GRATEFUL TO FATE.
AS THE WORLD IS THE WORLD, I MIGHT NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXCHANGE WORDS WITH YOU

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL
SOMEONE SAYS THAT, AND YOU GET ANGRY IMMEDIATELY
DON'T SAY IT!!
YOU'RE JUST LIKE A WOUNDED CAT
WHEN SOMEONE GETS TOO CLOSE TO YOUR WEAK POINT, YOU ALWAYS BECOME VIOLENT
CLANG
EP

BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO ADMIT YOUR WEAK POINT, YOU TRY TO DENY YOUR PARTNER
SHUT UP, SHUT UP!!

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GRAB
I SEE YOUR LEG HAS BEEN INJURED
ARE YOU ALREADY DONE?
WHAT'S WRONG?
PANT
PANT
PANT

YOU POOR THING WHY DON'T WE GO TO AN INN AND HEAL YOU, SLOWLY?
IF WE DID THAT, YOU'D HEAL UP RIGHT AWAY
YOU CAN TELL ME EVERYTHING ABOUT YOUR TRAVELS AND I'LL LICK YOUR WOUNDS
CHCK!
STOP MESSING WITH ME!!
ED

Wha...
U...
COLLAPSE
.....
EP

THA - THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU, NAITOU -SAMA!
I HIT HIM WITH THE BLUNT SIDE FIND THE MAP BEFORE HE WAKES UP!
NAITOU -SAMA!
CLINCK!
TCH! IT'S NOT HERE!
MAYBE HE'S SEWN IT INTO HIS SASH OR SOMETHING
FIND IT!
HEH HEH HEH... I COULDN'T ACTUALLY HURT HIM.
...HE'S TOO CUTE
OH... IT'S JUST A CROW?
FLAP FLAP FLAP
WHA - WHAT'S THAT?!
WAH!

...Two, three... Six...
--No, seven men.
CHIK
They're coming closer
In the trees as well
Come to think of it, I heard that some strange men were following Mikage around
Are they locals? If they are, they're pretty well-trained, but....
-- THEY VANISHED?!
Heh heh heh... Do they mean to hide? A wise move.
ED

WHA!!
WAH!
WHAT THE ---!?
WOOM
RUSTLE
AUGH! MY EYES!!
DON'T LET THEM TAKE MIKAGE!
TWANG!
GYAH!
EP

TEN HUT!!
WAH--!
THWOK
THWOK
THWOK
GOOD. CHASE THEM DOWN!
NAITOU-SAMA, THERE'S A CLIFF JUST AHEAD!
FOLLOW THEM!!
DON'T LET MUROU ESCAPE!!
GUNDO
WAH!

WHICH ONE IS THE LEADER?!
THESE PEOPLE AREN'T AMATEURS THEIR MOVEMENTS ARE TRAINED
OKAY, BASTARDS!!
THIS AGAIN!
MATCH YOUR STEPS!
LISTEN TO HIM!
PIPE DOWN FOR A BIT
YOU'RE NOISY
SQUEEZE
!!??
WHA -WHA -WHAT THE--!?
HEY THE PRINCESS HAS AWAKENED
BLINK

AH - THEY'RE PLANNING TO JUMP
I - IMPOSSIBLE! FROM THIS HEIGHT?!
OKAY, GO!
ONE
TWO
THREE
FOUR!!!

Uhya hya hya!
JUST LIKE ALWAYS, CHIEF!!
PERFECT TODAY, TOO--!!
OF COURSE!
IDIOTS!
DON'T LET THE PRINCESS ESCAPE!
SCR'K
THIS MAN IS THE LEADER!
NO, NO
DO YOU FULLY UNDER-ST AND THAT?!
YOU! WHAT ARE YOU?!
IF YOU PLAN TO PROTECT THAT MAN, THERE WILL BE NO HEL FOR YOU!
THERE'S NO WAY WE'D PROTECT HIM

EP

I'LL EXPLAIN IT TO YOU JUST THIS ONCE
'NAITOU -SAN' WAS IT?
!!
POF
IT WAS DRAWN BY MY GRANDDAD
THAT MAP DOESN'T BELONG TO THE GUY YOU'RE CHASING, NOR DOES IT BELONG TO THE SHOGUNATE
DON'T GET THAT WRONG
IN SHORT, IT'S MINE
EP

SEE YA!
YOW! CHIEF!
THAT WAS AWESOME!!
WA-HA-HA -HA-HAH!
EP

HE LET SLIP THAT THAT MAP WAS DRAWN BY HIS GRAND -FATHER
THAT MAN . . . HE KNEW ABOUT THE MAP
GU..
GU..
WHAT- WHAT ON EARTH WERE THOSE PEOPLE?!
TAKASUGI!
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE!
DO IT NOW!
OF... OF COURSE
A THREE -LEGGED CROW
YATAGARASU HUH
IMPOSSIBLE HE HAS TO BE MAKING IT UP
HMM
chapter two - END

EP

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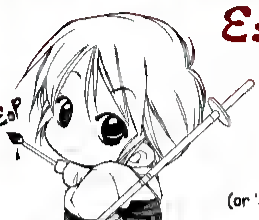

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FLOWER

NAITOU -SAMA
WELL, HOW WAS IT? DID YOU FIND ANYTHING?
UHM. WELL, YOU SEE--

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY
I ASKED AROUND AS BEST I COULD, BUT I ONLY DISCOVERED TWO THINGS...
THAT'S FINE. TELL ME
YOU AREN'T GOING TO WIN ANYONE OVER WITH THAT FACE
YES, SIR
THE FIRST ITEM IS THAT THEY SEEM LIKE THE PIRATES WHO RAVAGE THESE STRAITS'
THE SECOND IS THAT THEIR LAIR SEEMS TO BE TO A LITTLE TO THE SOUTH-WEST OF OUJIMA, ON KOJIMA'
I'M AFRAID THAT'S EVERYTHING
HO
THERE'S BRIBE MONEY IN THE BALANCE!
AND THIS IS STILL ALL THE INFORMATION WE CAN GET. IT APPEARS THAT NO ONE IS LYING
'THEY SEEM LIKE'...?
YES THERE'S NO ONE WHO HAS ACTUALLY SEEN THEM AT WORK THE FISHERMEN WON'T GO NEAR THERE TO CATCH FISH EITHER

CONTINUE YOUR INVES-TIGATIONS
KEEP HOLDING THE MONEY OUT, AND REMEMBER EVEN THE MOST TRIVIAL THINGS YOU HEAR
YES, SIR
I SEE PIRATES, HMM?
THE JOB GRANTED TO ME BY THE SHOGUNATE JUST BECOMES MORE AND MORE TROUBLESOME
---- HO -NESTLY
WE MAY BE INJURED BY THIS OURSELVES
DON'T SAY THINGS YOU MIGHT REGRET
THAT BEING SAID, THIS MAY PROVE INTERESTING TO WATCH

EP

IF WE'D ONLY BEEN ABLE TO PROTECT HIM A MOMENT LONGER...
IF ANYTHING SHOULD HAPPEN TO THAT SPECIAL PERSONAGE, NO EXCUSE WOULD BE ENOUGH
Right now...
What's in your mind?
What are you thinking...
Mikage...
HEH HEH HEH

TWI
-TWI
-TWI
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
SHREE
-SHREE
-SHREE...
LIWAH!
STOP IT!
GIVE IT
BACK!!

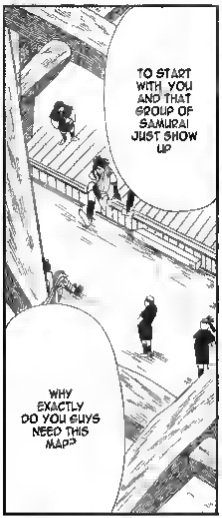
DON'T TOUCH ME!!
WOULD YOU JUST CALM --
OWW!!
GYAGH! HE BIT ME!!
YOU LITTLE --

QUIET DOWN FOR A BIT
YOU'RE ANNOYING
.....
WHY DID YOU BRING ME HERE!? WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING!?
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT A PRETTY IMPRESSIVE 'BOND OF FATE' GOING HERE
EH?

WHY DON'T YOU EXPLAIN YOU'RE TRYING TO DO?
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU HAD THIS BUT...
THIS MAP WAS MADE BY MY GRANDDAD WAY BACK THEN
FLUTTER
WHAT WE'RE PLANNING TO DO DOESN'T REALLY MATTER
Is it a girl?
That's the person who stabbed the chief's hand?
It's a guy
It's gorgeous! ♡
WHO'D BELIEVE THAT, COMING FROM A PIRATE?!
HA!
IN OTHER WORDS IT BELONGS TO HIS GRANDCHILD. AND THAT WOULD BE ME
GOT THAT?
YOU SHOULDN'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT WITH A CUTE FACE
HUH
YANK!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
EP

I MEAN, SOMEBODY THIS PALE AND SLENDER SHOULDN'T BE WAVING A SWORD AROUND IN THE FIRST--
FLINCH!
GRAB
SHIVER SHIVER SHIVER
EP

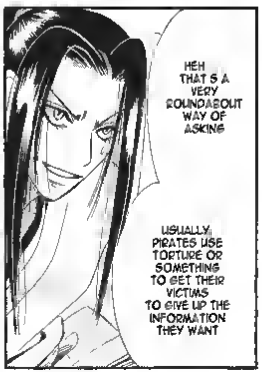
WELL ISN'T THAT WHAT HE WAS JUST SAYING?!
THIS GUY'S REALLY ANNO-YING, CHIEF!
HAH! WHAT ARE YOU, A 'CHASTE YOUNG MAIDEN' OR SOMETHING?! TOUCH YOU AND YOU GET ALL MAD?!
KNOCK IT OFF, KITSUBI
WHAT THE HEY, HE'S SHAKING LIKE CRAZY!
DON'T TOUCH ME !!
I TOLD YOU TO KNOCK IT OFF
YE - YES SIR! I'M SORRY SIR!
.....
ERK!!
--AH


TO START WITH, YOU AND THAT GROUP OF SAMURAI JUST SHOW UP
WHY EXACTLY DO YOU GUYS NEED THIS MAP?

THUMP
OKAY, THEN! LET'S TAKE IT FROM THE TOP!
AS YOU WERE, PLEASE

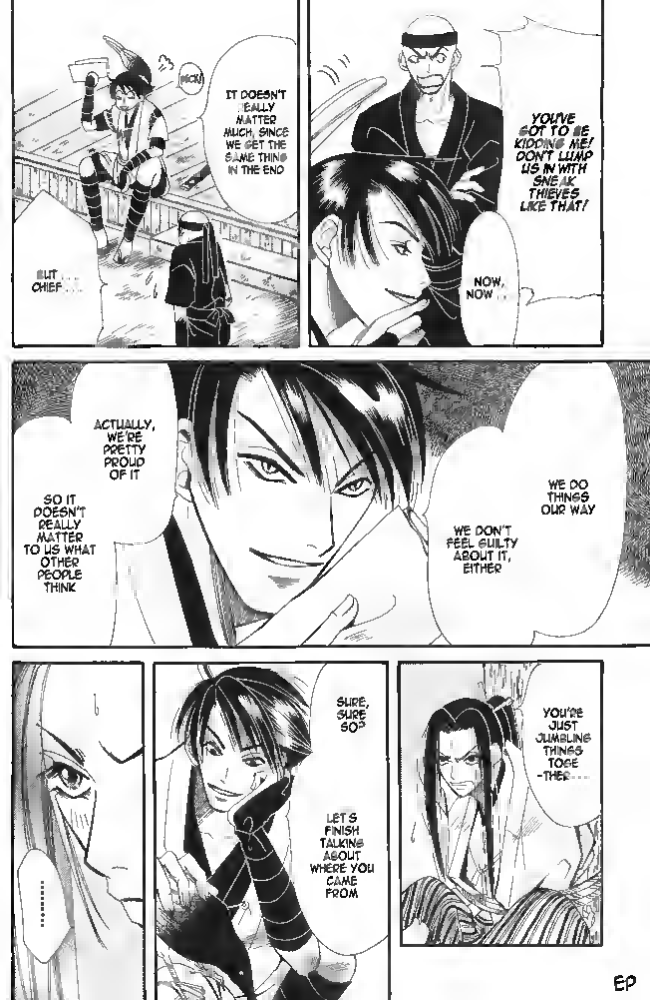
YOU THINK WE'RE...

?


HEH, THAT'S A VERY ROUNDABOUT WAY OF ASKING
USUALLY, PIRATES USE TORTURE OR SOMETHING TO GET THEIR VICTIMS TO GIVE UP THE INFORMATION THEY WANT

EP

NOOOO
IT'S GOLD! GOLD! ALL MINE!
STAB!
CHOP!
Uwuh...
How dare
But whatever
YEAH I BET YOU DO
GOLD! SILVER! TREASURE!
Uwuh!
can't cry! We knew this would happen someday!
"Someday differ apart from death"
STUFF LIKE THAT, AND THIS
EP


BUT CHIEF...
IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER MUCH, SINCE WE GET THE SAME THING IN THE END
NOW, NOW...
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME! DON'T LUMP US IN WITH SNEAKY THIEVES LIKE THAT!
SO IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER TO US WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK
ACTUALLY, WE'RE PRETTY PROUD OF IT
WE DON'T FEEL GUILTY ABOUT IT, EITHER
WE DO THINGS OUR WAY
.....
SURE, SURE SO
LET'S FINISH TALKING ABOUT WHERE YOU CAME FROM
YOU'RE JUST JUMBLING THINGS TOGE-THER....

EP

PROBA
-BLY
OH, DID HE?
FROM THE THINGS HE SOLD EARLIER AND HE SPEAKS THE SAME WAY TO THE SAMURAIS FROM EDO
HE CAME FROM EDO
ERK
I DON'T SUPPOSE THEY COULD HAVE CHASED THAT MAP ALL THE WAY TO THIS LITTLE BACKWATER ISLAND?
HUH!
AND IF I TELL YOU STRAIGHT -OUT, WHAT GOOD WILL IT DO?
EDO
AH. OF COURSE COULD THAT SHIP THAT WAS ANCHORED AT OUSHIMA HAVE BELONGED TO THOSE SAMURAI FROM BEFORE?
I SEE THEN THAT MEANS ...?

I KNEW IT!! THE HOUJIN TREASURE IS REAL!!
DON'T TELL ME YOU PEOPLE ARE ALSO AIMING FOR A TREASURE THAT YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW EXISTS!!
TREASU-RE?
PEEK
PHILISTINES
!!

HOORAY! HOORAY!
GRAWK
OH, COME ON. YOU GUYS DIDN'T REALLY COME HERE ON A TREASURE HUNT, DID YOU?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE TREASURE!!
AND YOU CLAM UP YET AGAIN
YOU'RE JUST MAKING IT HARDER FOR US TO PUT UP WITH YOU, YOU KNOW
.....
THEN WHAT DO YOU WANT?
EP

. . . IF YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ME, THEN KILL ME!!
'ACT LIKE A PIRATE', YOU MEAN?
A RIGHTEOUS SAMURAI, HUH?
ALL RIGHT THEN I'LL FULFILL YOUR REQUEST, SHALL I?

I WANTED TO TRY CUTTING SOMETHING WITH THIS!

CH -
CHIEF!

EP

I TOLD YOU REMEMBER?
WE DON'T KILL PEOPLE HEY, THIS REALLY IS A TERRIFIC SWORD!

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL?

PHEW

QUIT PLAYING GAMES!!
SIDESTEP
!!
UGUH---!

THIS GUY MUST'VE BEEN BORN IN THE YEAR OF THE BOAR
MAKOTO, WHILE HE'S OUT TAKE A LOOK AT HIS LEG, WOULD YOU?
HE'S OPENED HIS WOUNDS AGAIN
EH?

AND NOBODY ELSE TOUCHES HIM. I MEAN IT
.....
WELL, ONE THING'S FOR SURE
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, GRANDDAD NEVER SAID ONE WORD ABOUT THE FAIRY-TALE BEING MADE UP
POSSIBLY, BUT ...
IF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED AREN'T LYING THEN IT'S GOTTA BE TRUE!!
EP

CHAPTER 4
CHIIIIIIEF!! THE TREASURE!! LET'S GO GET THE TREASURE!!
KYA!!
WOULD SOMEBODY PLEASE GO HANG THIS GUY?
AWESOME! AWESOME!! WE'RE ACTUALLY GONNA FIND THIS THING!!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, CHIEF?
MM...
IF THE SHOGUNATE THINKS THIS THING IS REAL ENOUGH TO GO AFTER, WE COULD PROBABLY CONSIDER IT REAL...
Shut up!
KW
I WONDER IF MAYBE GRANDDAD KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN ONE OF THESE DAYS, AND THAT'S WHY HE TOLD ME THAT STORY

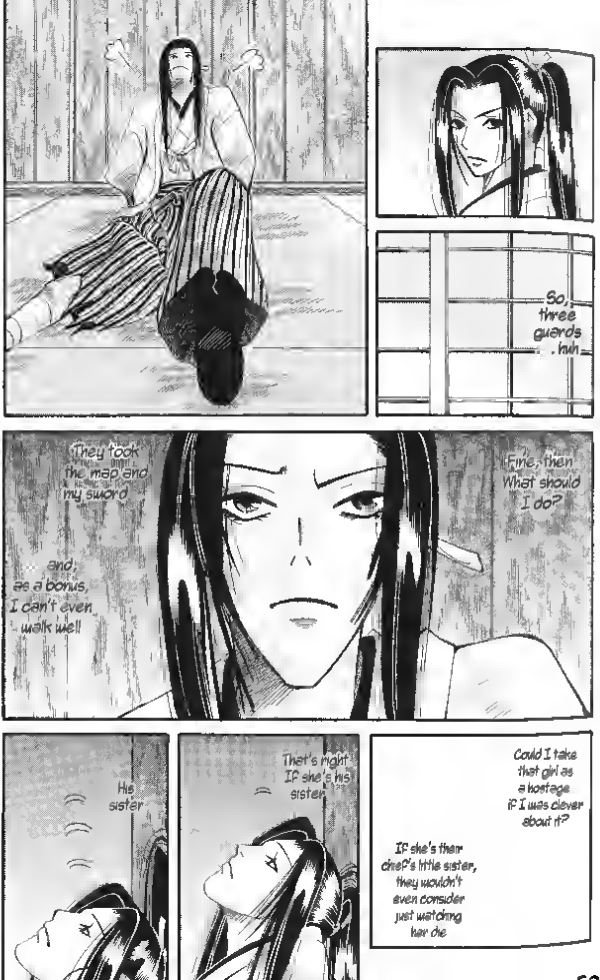
BAM
ALRIGHT!!
IF IT'S COMING TO THIS, THEN, AS PIRATES, THE WORSHIP OF TREASURE IS OUR JOB!
CHIEF!!
YEAH !!
WE WILL GET WHAT WE'RE AIMING FOR!!
NOW LET'S DO THIS THING!! WHO'S WITH ME?!
GO CHIEF!!
HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, THE SHOGUNATE IS AFTER THIS SAME TREASURE, UNDERSTAND?
ORDINARY MEANS MAY NOT BE ENOUGH THIS TIME AROUND, BUT GRANDDAD IS ON OUR SIDE
EP

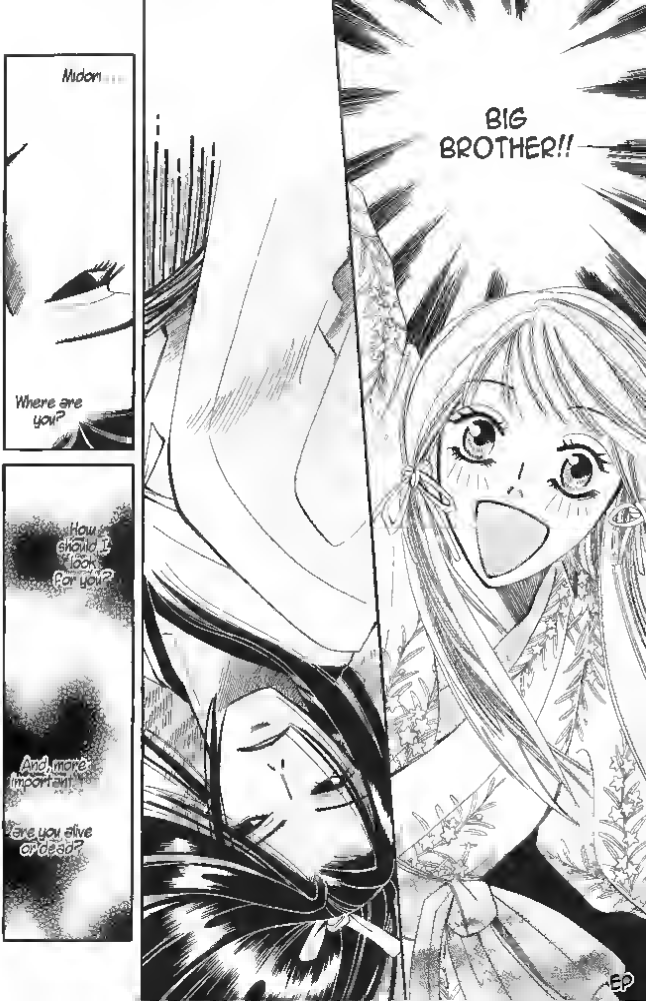
CLATTER
TAKE HIM WITH
HE MUST HAVE SOME ULTERIOR MOTIVE TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE FROM EDO
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH HIM?
ANYWAY, SOMEDAY HE MIGHT PROVE USEFUL.
DON'T BOTHER WE TOOK HIS SWORD AND HIS SHORT SWORD, AND HE DOESN'T SEEM THE TYPE
IT'S A BIT WORRI -SOME
TO OVERCOME OPPONENTS WITH BRUTE STRENGTH
OH
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT WORRIES ME
YEAH, YEAH, I GET IT, I WON'T PLAY THE FOOL ANYMORE!
THAT'S NOT IT EITHER..

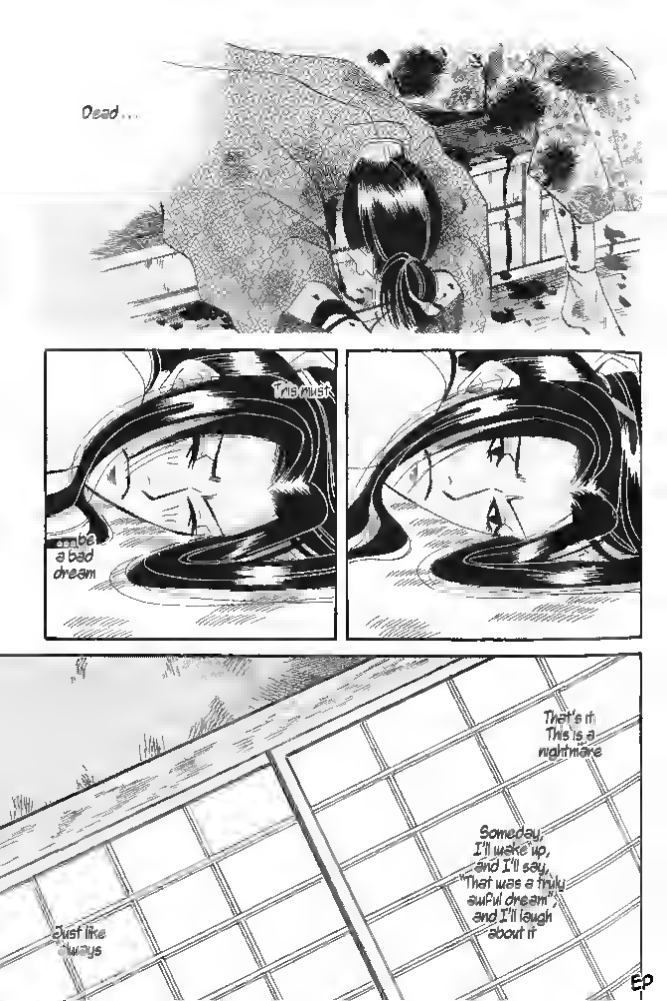
?
YOU AWAKE?
I FIXED YOUR LEG UP WHILE YOU WERE OUT
SERIOUSLY, HOW DARE YOU WALK ON A LEG WITH WOUNDS LIKE THAT?!

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU CAME HERE FOR, BUT IF YOU STOP BEING ABLE TO WALK YOU'RE THE ONE IT'S GOING TO BOTHER MOST, YOU KNOW?
DON'T DO STUFF NO ONE ASKED --
HEY. TELL ME. NOTHING ELSE IS FESTERING, IS IT?
THEY'RE PEOPLE MY BIG BROTHER TRUSTS, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM
AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO BLADE AT MY BODY -GUARDS LIKE THAT
BIG BRO -THER?
.....
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, TELL ME, KAY?
I'LL DO WHAT I CAN TO ACCOMODATE YOU
SHA!
YEAH I'M HIS SISTER, MAKOTO

.....
I'VE NEVER MET AN EDO-PERSON BEFORE
AND IN RETURN, YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME ALL ABOUT EDO, OKAY?
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS OKAY? YOU MIGHT GET SCOLDED BY THE CHIEF AGAIN
IT'S FINE AS LONG AS HE DOESN'T FIND OUT!
THERE'S THINGS YOU GUYS WANT TO KNOW TOO, AREN'T THERE?
SEE YA!
I'LL BRING YOUR DINNER BY LATER
Well, yeah, but...
EP


So, three guards... huh
They took the map and my sword
Fine, then. What should I do?
and, as a bonus, I can't even walk well
His sister
That's right. If she's his sister,
Could I take that girl as a hostage if I was clever about it?
If she's their chief's little sister, they wouldn't even consider just watching her die


Midori...
Where are you?
How should I look for you?
And, more importantly,
are you alive or dead?
BIG BROTHER!!


Dead....
This must
be a bad
dream
That's it
This is a
nightmare
Someday,
I'll wake up,
and I'll say,
"That was a truly
awful dream",
and I'll laugh
about it
Just like
always

Because the facts are always the same
CLICK
I can run, but it won't change anything
But . . .
. . . I know it better than anyone else
CLICK
CLATTER
No matter how desperately I think of ways to make a clean escape . .
. . the answer is always that, unless I surmount this problem, there IS no way out

HEY!
HERE, HURRY UP AND EAT. I DON'T WANT YOU STARVING TO DEATH IN MY HOUSE
So..
It only repeats itself, over and over
Nothing has changed. Not in that time, and not in this one
OH, IS TONIGHT A FULL MOON?
It's because I understand that it hurts so much.
NO, IT'S STILL A DAY OR SO OFF
EP

Somebody
help me ------

CHIEF?
NO, IT'S NOTHING

I WONDER IF EVERYONE FROM EDO IS LIKE THIS

SERIOU
-SLY
WIPE
AND I DO
SO HATE
COMPLICATIONS
CHAPTER 3 - END
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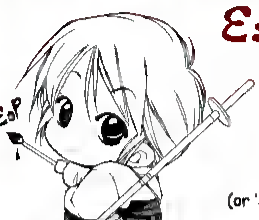

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That house ...
was called
"Sakura Mansion"

HERE WE GO.
HUH?.
UGG.
HA HA
NOW, IF I CAN JUST SNEAK INTO THE MANSION WITHOUT BEING --
OKEY
SLIP
U-WA
WAH --
TWITCH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE!?
EP

……
……FOOL……

OH - IT'S HIM!
THIS IS THE GUY WHO COMES AND HOWLS, "LET ME MEET WITH YOUR MASTER, LET ME MEET WITH YOUR MASTER!" FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!
OHP
THAT'S NOT VERY ELEGANT. HASN'T ANYONE EVER EXPLAINED THE USE OF FRONT DOORS TO YOU?
QUIET! WHO'S THE ONE WHO KEEPS TURNING PEOPLE AWAY FROM HIS "FRONT DOOR"?!
HAH HAH
ARE YOU KAZUMA NAITOU?
WHERE IS MY SISTER?!!
WHAT IF I AM?
brush brush

SISTER?
MIDORI MUROU!!
YOU KNOW WHO KIDNAPPED HER!
TELL ME WHERE SHE'S BEEN TAKEN!!
MIDORI MUROU— ?
TELL ME!!
MY LORD! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
That man—
GASP
HALT! DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!
DAMN !
PREPARE YOURSELF, YOU TRASH!!

...HOOAH
...is the man who ruined my family
JUST WALTZING INTO ENNEMY TERRITORY LIKE THAT!! -- WHAT WERE YOU THINKING!?
I DIDN'T THINK I WAS GOING TO RUN INTO HIM LIKE THAT!!
WHAT ARE YOU, AN IDIOT!?

FINE! THEN TELL ME WHAT I SHOULD DO!
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU THINKING, PUTTING YOURSELF IN DANGER LIKE THAT!?
OKAY, LISTEN! NAITOU MUST'VE SEEN MIDORI-CHAN'S FACE, RIGHT? MEANING HE'S GOING TO REALIZE YOU'RE SIBLINGS REALLY SOON
MIKAGE
SORRY SHINTAROU
.....
THE TOWN MAGISTRATE CAN'T DO A THING. WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO, BESIDES DIVE IN MYSELF!?
NOT TO MENTION THAT THE OPPONENT IS EXTREMELY RICH AND A DIRECT VASSAL OF THE SHOGUN!
THERE'S NO REUABLE EVIDENCE! AND NO WITNESSES.
IF THERE'S ANOTHER WAY TO FIND THE ONE WHO MURDERED MY STEPFATHER AND STEPMOTHER, THEN BY ALL MEANS TELL ME!!
EP

HEY, DON'T WORRY. I TOLD YOU, I UNDERSTAND
PAT
PAT
...I DIDN'T... THAT WASN'T WHAT I MEANT TO SAY...
AND YOU'VE BEEN WORKING SO HARD TO HELP ME...
...IT'S A FACT THAT A GIRL WHO RESEMBLES MIDORI-CHAN WAS TAKEN INTO NAITOU'S MANSION.
I HAVE A FRIEND WHO KNOWS A GUY WHO WORKS FOR NAITOU, AND HE SAID SO
IT'S JUST, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT
THE GUY SET OFF FOR SOME KIND OF JOB IN THE WEST
NAITOU CAME HOME IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOUR STEPPARENTS WERE KILLED.
AND, RIGHT BEFORE THEY WERE KILLED, YOUR STEPFATHER WENT TO SEE NAITOU
I DON'T KNOW WHY

THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT A MAN LIKE THAT WILL DO
BESIDES THAT, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT KAZUMA NAITOU HIS POSITION IN THE SHOGUNATE IS SECOND TO NONE
THERE'D BE SOME PROFIT IN THAT
HOW SHOULD I KNOW? AT ANY RATE, IF IT'S THAT NEIGHBORHOOD ALL THE TOUGHS ARE WELL, NANASENSEKI (*) IS A DIRECT VASSAL OF THE SHOGUN
YOU DON'T THINK MIDORI WAS... KIDNAPPED TO BE SOLD TO A BROTHEL OR SOMETHING, DO YOU?
*Seven thousand stones
IS SHE ALIVE? DEAD? I'D BE HAPPY JUST KNOWING THAT MUCH...
MIDORI...
I SEE...
IF THEY START GOING AFTER YOU, THERE WON'T BE PARENT OR CHILD LEFT OF YOUR FAMILY, WILL THERE?
BUT...
I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE IMPATIENT.
I'M JUST ASKING YOU NOT TO DO THINGS QUITE AS RASHLY AS YOU DID THIS TIME

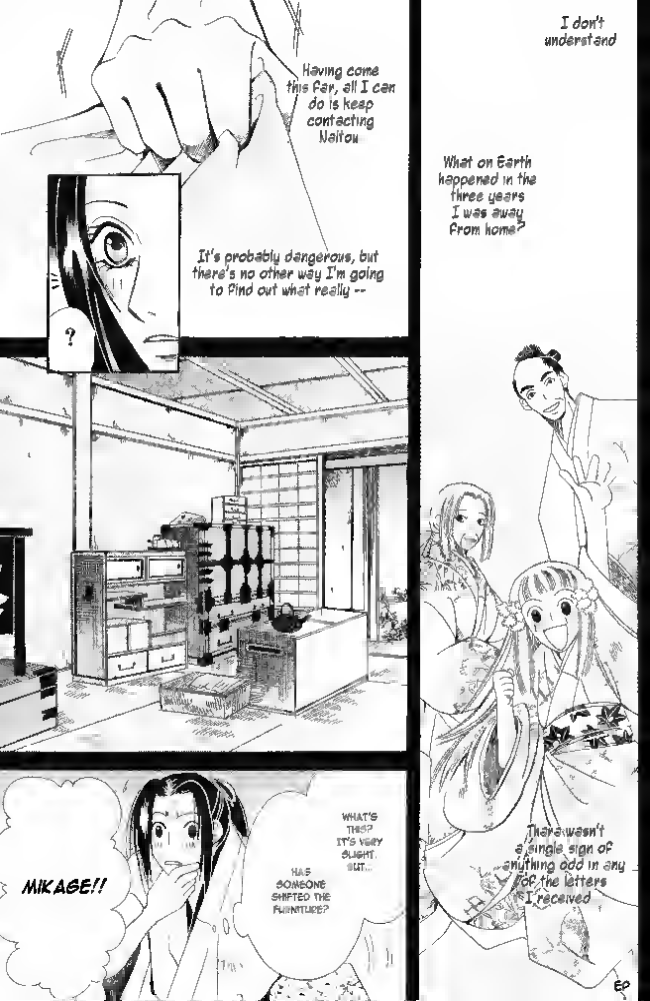
YEAH
I know
ANYONE WHO RUSHES IN LIKE YOU WILL JUST BROADCAST THEIR MOVES TO THEIR OPPONENT, YOU KNOW?
ESPECIALLY AGAINST A GUY LIKE NAITOU... IF YOU DON'T KILL SOME GOOD EVIDENCE TOGETHER AND POINT IT AT HIM, HE'S GOING TO CUT YOU OFF COLD
Just giving into my feelings and acting on them would be a huge mistake
Shinjirou's always right
If I need to make logical decisions, deal with this exactly right
WELL, WELL
And if that's true, there isn't anything left to do but strike, is there?
"But..."
There aren't any measures to take
EP

WHAT'S HAPPENED? YOU COULDN'T GET IN OVER THE WALL TODAY?
Kazuma Naitou-!!
IS THAT HOW THINGS STAND?
WELL, THEN. PLEASE BE SO KIND AS TO COME IN AND I WILL GLADLY LISTEN TO WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY
I -- I APOLOGIZE FOR MY RUDENESS YESTERDAY. I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK AND I HAVE COME ACCORDING TO CUSTOM
SARCASTIC BASTARD...
THA - THANK YOU VERY MUCH
Okay! Don't slip up now...!
LORD! LETTING A PERSON SUCH AS THAT INTO THE MANSION IS RATHER...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THIS IS MY PRECIOUS GUEST SO TREAT HIM WELL

I'D HEARD RUMORS BUT
THIS HOUSE REALLY DOES HAVE A LOT OF POWER
I'M SORRY FOR THE WAIT
Ordinary means won't do here
I'll have to keep my eyes wide open, so that he doesn't catch me off guard...!!
!
GRRR
SHIGAR
DID YOU THINK THEY WERE POISONED?
NO, BUT I'M NOT HUNGRY JUST NOW
AREN'T THEY TO YOUR LIKING?
OH? YOU HAVEN'T TOUCHED THE TEA OR SWEETS?
E.D

I AM KAZUMA NAITOU
LET US INTRODUCE OURSELVES AGAIN, SHALL WE?
!!
DON'T LOOK SO SURPRISED LORD MUROU'S BEAUTY IS FAMOUS IN THE MARKETPLACE DIDN'T YOU KNOW?
AREN'T YOU GOING TO TELL ME YOUR NAME?
LORD MIKAGE MUROU
UM...
That's torn it! If I say my name, he'll recognize me --!!
WELL? WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE WITH ME?
It's a lie!
I haven't been in Edo for the past three years!
I knew it!! This man knows something!

FLOP
LOOKING DOWN HIS NOSE AT ME...MAKING A FOOL OF ME !!
DAMN IT!! THAT SNAKE-TONGUED BASTARD...TALKING IN CIRCLES THE WHOLE TIME. !!
Why did my stepparents have to be killed?
Where is Midori now?
ARGH--- SO HUMILIA TING---!!
OZIZ WWWW

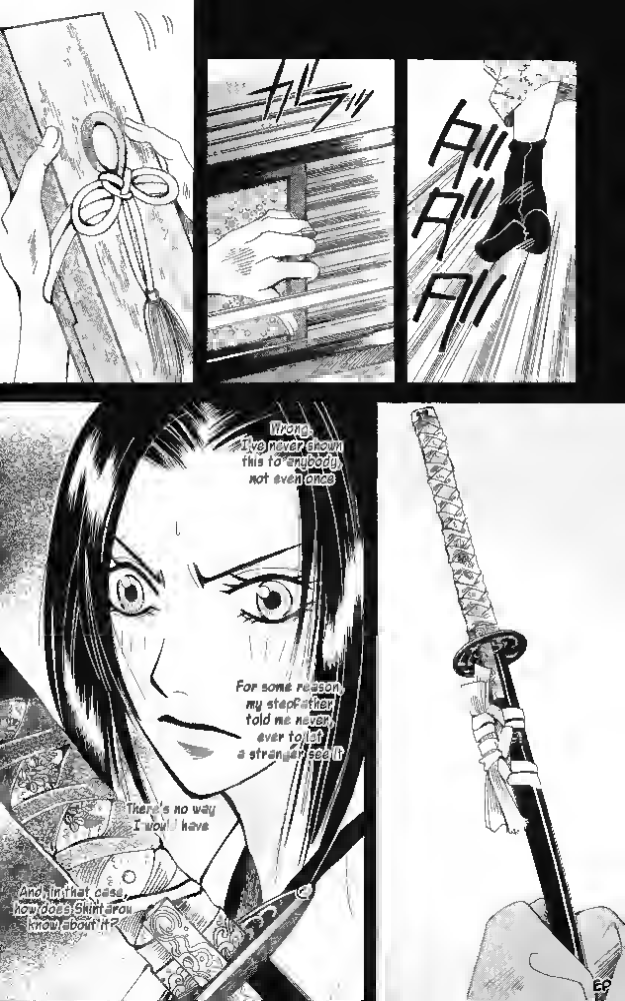

Having come this far, all I can do is keep contacting Naitou
It's probably dangerous, but there's no other way I'm going to find out what really --
?
I don't understand
What on Earth happened in the three years I was away from home?
There wasn't a single sign of anything odd in any of the letters I received
MIKAGE!!
HAS SOMEONE SHIFTED THE FURNITURE?
WHAT'S THIS? IT'S VERY SLIGHT, BUT...
EP

LISTEN, DID YOU COME IN HERE WHILE I WAS GONE?
HUH? NO. I DION'T WHY?
BECAUSE THE FUTON -TUKE S BEEN MOVED
HEY! I BOUGHT MANJUU FROM MIDTOWN S STORE ON THE WAY HERE
SHINTA !
IT MIGHT EVEN HAVE BEEN ONE OF NAITOU'S HENCHMEN--!
HAS IT? I CAN'T REALLY TELL.
NO! I'M SURE THEY TRIED TO MAKE IT SO THAT IT WOULD BE HARD TO TELL, BUT THERE'S NO MISTAKE. SOMEBODY CAME IN WHILE I WAS GONE AND LOOKED AROUND FOR SOMETHING!
MIKAGE...
YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU'RE NERVOUS, IT'S BEST TO HAVE SOMETHING SWEET SO MAKE SOME TEA. AND LET'S EAT
UH -HUH
THINGS REALLY HAVE BEEN MOVED!
I'M NOT!
YOU KNOW YOU'VE GOTTEN REALLY JUMPY LATELY
STOP WORRYING ABOUT EVERY LITTLE THING!
SHINTA!

BADUMP
..KNEW IT
YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT HOW YOU THOUGHT ONE OF NAITOU'S HENCHMEN HAD GOTTEN INTO YOUR HOUSE..
HEY, JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO..
YOU WENT TO TALK TO HIM AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?
JUST WAITING AROUND ISN'T GOING TO HELP ANYTHING, YOU KNOW!
B- BUT, IF STRIKING DIRECTLY AND HEADING HIM OFF ARE OFF LIMITS--
I WONDER IF IT'S IN YOUR NATURE BECAUSE YOU'RE YEAR OF THE BOAR...
WELL, I BELIEVE I SAID SOMETHING ABOUT HOW THINGS WERE GOING TO TURN OUT LIKE THIS
THAT GUY KNOWS SOMETHING, I'M SURE OF IT! NOW IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF MAKING HIM COUGH IT UP!
HEY, LISTEN..
YOUR STEPDAD DIDN'T TELL YOU ANYTHING ABOUT... ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR, DID HE?

DON'T ASK ME
IF THERE'S ANYTHING LIKE THAT, I WISH HE HAD TOLD ME
A SECRET DOCUMENT PASSED ON FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION, OR WHERE HE'D HIDDEN SOMETHING LIKE THAT
NO, YOU KNOW, JUST LIKE, ANYTHING HAVING TO DO WITH NAMIOU
HUH?
NO, BUT - YOU'VE GOT THAT AWESOME SWORD, YOU KNOW?
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING AN ORDINARY SAMURAI WOULD HAVE JUST LYING AROUND IS IT?
SWORD?
NOBODY WHO WASN'T SOME KIND OF BIG-SHOT WOULD HAVE A SWORD LIKE THAT WOULD THEY?
YEAH, YOU KNOW THE ONE FORGED FROM SILVER
DID I SHOW YOU THAT SWORD?

HE HE HE
OH THAT! RIGHT, RIGHT, OF COURSE I REMEMBER!
SORRY, SORRY!
YA THINK?
HM? DID I?
OH, COME ON! DID YOU FORGET ALREADY?
YES! AND YOU WERE BRAGGING ALL OVER THE PLACE ABOUT IT TOO!
REMEMBER? YOU SHOWED IT TO ME THREE YEARS AGO BEFORE YOU WENT OFF FOR TRAINING
I HEARD YOU'D FOUND A JOB! THAT'S GREAT! WHOSE HOUSE IS IT?
OH, YEAH
WELL, I'LL BE GOING THEN
I'M STILL ON THE JOB AND I KINDA SNUCK AWAY TO COME HERE, SO IF I DON'T GO BACK, YOU KNOW...
SOME FLASHY BIG-SHOT
I'LL SEE YOU LATER
YEAH TAKE CARE
EP


Wrong.
I've never shown this to anybody, not even once.
For some reason, my stepfather told me never ever to let a stranger see it.
There's no way I would have
And, in that case, how does Shintarou know about it?
EQ

Besides, he's been my friend since forever
He was kind to me, and he keeps saving me, doesn't he?
Of course
Suspecting such a good friend is
---But...
How stupid
Why would he have to do something like that
If he was looking for something, all he had to do was tell me
No
The person who came in and moved things was Shintarou?

Hey, your stepdad didn't tell you about anything, did he?
Some kind of secret document passed down from father to son, or something.
What does this mean?
Does Shintarou know something about me that I don't know?
What?
Why?
What on earth is wrong with me?

EH MIKAGE -DONO?
COULD THIS BE LOVE?
HE HE HE
He hasn't changed
This man turns every conversation into a Farce
LATELY IT SEEMS THAT YOU CAN HARDLY WAIT TO COME HERE AGAIN
WELL, THEN, WHAT SHALL WE TALK ABOUT TODAY?
What'sh...ith I'doo?
If we keep dancing around the edges of things like this, I'll never get anywhere
CLASSICAL MARTIAL ARTS? THE GOVERNMENT?
BONES?
PAINTING? FOLK MUSIC?
THE WATER FOR THE TEA?
OR WE COULD TELL EROTIC STORIES...?
HE HE HE

ENOUGH!
Midori could be in pain, right now ---
That's right
Since I can't withdraw...
WHAT IS IT?
There's only one road left
I've got to strike!

I HAVE THREE QUES-TIONS
FIRST, WERE YOU THE ONE WHO KILLED SOCHUU MUROU AND HIS WIFE?!
SECOND, WERE YOU THE ONE WHO ABDUCTED THEIR DAUGHTER, MIDORI!?
THIRD WHERE IS MIDORI RIGHT NOW?! ANSWER ME!!
DON'T YELL LIKE THAT
PEOPLE WILL COME
ANSWER ME!!
AND TELL THE TRUTH! IF YOU DON'T, I'LL CUT YOU!

!!
WHERE IS MIDORI?!!
I KNEW IT! YOU DO KNOW SOMETHING!!
HEH HEH HEH. THAT SUITS YOU THAT VIOLENT SPIRIT
YOU'RE THE IMAGE OF YOUR SISTER
UGH
SLENDER ARMS
GRAB
DON'T GET SO ANGRY
IF YOU ACT LIKE THAT, EVEN IF I KNOW SOMETHING, I WON'T BE ABLE TO TELL YOU
I'LL TELL YOU...
MIKASE
I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW

HAH
HAH
YES, THAT'S THE WAY
FARTHER IN
HURRY UP!
HAH
IN THIS MANSION'S INNERMOST ROOM LIES THE KEY TO YOUR SISTER'S WHEREABOUTS
HAH

HAH
THAT'S RIGHT
IT'S INSIDE THAT LETTER BOX
HAH
HAH
EP

I THINK THAT MAYBE JUST THIS ONCE, DESTINY IS INVOLVED
WHILE I'M NOT NORMALLY ONE TO BELIEVE IN FATE
.....YOU KNOW MIKASE
IN WHICH CASE, IF YOU GET THE CHANCE, YOU KNOW...
AND THERE ARE SOME FLOWERS ONE NEVER GETS TO SEE
THE WORLD IS THE WORLD AFTER ALL.
I DO SO
LOVE FLOWERS

EP

WHA.
AAH
THUD

AAAAAAAUGH
STOP IT, STOP!!
AGH!!
AUGH!

NO!
NO!
NO!
STOP!
AUGH!
PLEASE STOP!
AAAAUGH!!

AAAAAAAUUUUGH!

THAT'S RATHER ANNOYING
SO YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW
.....?
IT LOOKS AS THOUGH YOU AND YOUR SISTER BOTH HAVE HOU-SHIN BLOOD FLOWING THROUGH YOUR VEINS
ARE YOU THE SO-CALLED 'DESCENDANT', THEN?
THROB
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF THE FIRST TIME ALWAYS HURTS, BUT THEY SAY YOU GROW USED TO IT IN TIME
DON'T TOUCH ME!!
DID YOU THINK I LIED TO TRICK YOU INTO THIS ROOM?
THE CLUE TO YOUR SISTER REALLY IS HERE
HEH HEH HEH...
WELL, IF YOU'RE THAT ENERGETIC NOW, YOU'LL BE FINE
I'LL KILL YOU...!!

THIS IS IT
IT'S A VERY PRECIOUS THING, ENTRUSTED TO ME BY THE SHOGUNATE
OW !!

CATCH HIM!
HALT--!
HALT!
TCH! YOU CAN STILL MOVE!?
GRAB
OVER HERE!
SHINTA!?
WHY ARE YOU HERE --?!
THAT DOESN'T MATTER NOW! HURRY!
EP

IF WE DON'T HURRY AND RUN THEY'LL FOLLOW US HERE TOO..
HAH
HA
HAH HAH
HAHH
HAH
HAHH
HAH
HAHH
...WHAT THE HECK WERE YOU DOING?
IT'S A MAP TO WHERE MIDORI IS I ONLY GOT HALF BUT I MANAGED TO STEAL IT
HAH
THEY'RE AFTER ME BECAUSE THEY WANT TO TAKE IT BACK
IF YOU DON'T HURRY AND GET OUT OF HERE YOU'LL GET CAUGHT UP IN THIS TOO
—HEY MIKAGE
LET ME TAKE THAT FOR YOU
EH ?
WE'LL DECIDE ON A PLACE TO MEET UP
IF WE DO THAT EVEN IF THEY CATCH YOU, THE MAP WILL BE SAFE, YOU KNOW?

LET'S DO THAT, OKAY?
WHY DON'T WE PROMISE TO WORK TOGETHER AND NOT TO KILL EACH OTHER?
YOUR STEPDAD MUST HAVE TOLD YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THE HIDDEN HOU-SHIN TREASURE RIGHT?
O-OKAY THEN, LET'S BOTH JUST BE HONEST
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IF I GET CAUGHT WHO'S GOING TO LOOK FOR MIDORI?
ARE YOU PLANNING TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE YOUR STEPPARENT'S DID?
OUR OPPONENT ISN'T NAITOU! IT'S THE UNFORTUNATE, YOU KNOW!? THERE'S NO REASON TO EXPECT LENIENCE HERE
PROMISE NOT TO -- WHAT IS THIS!?
LATELY I CAN'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING YOU SAY! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?

SHINTAROU YOU NEVER ANSWERED MY QUESTION
YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME WHY YOU WERE AT NAITOU'S HOUSE
GULP!
ALSO, I NEVER SHOWED THAT SWORD TO YOU
AND YET SOMEHOW YOU KNEW ABOUT IT
THE POSITION YOU FOUND—
IT WOULDN'T BE WITH NAITOU.. WOULD IT?
.....
OH SO THAT'S HOW IT IS

!! YOU BASTARD
AH — MIKASE CALM DOWN IF YOU WANT TO TALK WE CAN TALK --
DON'T GIVE ME THAT!! THAT GUY KILLED MY PARENTS!! HE KIDNAPPED MIDORI!!
JUST TELL ME
!!
SI – SINCE YOU FIRST WENT TO NAITOU'S MANSION
HOW LONG?!! HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SPYING LIKE THAT?!!
I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE! I COULDN'T STAY UNEMPLOYED FOREVER!
-- AND BEFORE THAT --?
SAY IT
!!
HOW – HOW LONG --?

HEY, MIKAGE, WOULD YOU THINK FOR A SECOND?
IF THIS IS ALL TRUE, EVEN IF SOMEONE HAD BEEN ORDERED TO KILL YOU, THEY WOULD HAVE HAD NO CHOICE!
IN THIS CASE, OBEDIENTLY FOLLOWING ORDERS IS THE BEST PLAN!
YOU KNOW?
OKAY NOW QUICKLY WOULD YOU JUST TELL ME WHERE THE HOU-SHIN TREASURE IS HIDDEN!?
YOU DO THAT AND EVERYONE WILL BE HAPPY
ME, TOO!
SEE YOU, TOO!
!?

THE THINGS YOU PEOPLE SAY
THE THINGS YOU DO
MIKAGE.
THEY MAKE NO SENSE TO ME
HAH
HAH
.....
HAH
...I DON'T UNDERSTAND
...SH
ENOUGH!
FROM NOW ON, I WON'T RELY ON ANYONE

What I was thinking, what my movements would be
Watanuki had known them all From the very beginning
Not only had he known, he'd mocked me with them—
Taking only what I could carry...
and with no destination in mind, I fled, running wildly
MIKAGE
!!

Humiliated...

More than being betrayed by Shintarou..

More than being violated by Nantou..

I raged at myself for not realizing sooner.

I couldn't forgive myself for that..

... Then I wouldn't believe in anyone anymore
I COULDN'T believe...
If I'd been wounded so badly by something I believed in...
WAH
WAH
That was...
...the night the cherry blossoms fell

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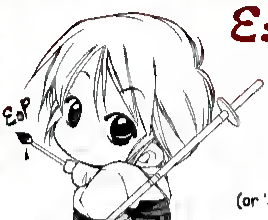

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It was the hardest to release because there was a lot of technical (computer & photoshop) problems BUT we "made" it ^^ It's a bit messy on some pages tho *lol*

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See you next time! Happy Reading

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SHUNGIKU NAKAMURA

春の訪れと共に
—なんの違和感もなく、すんなりと
ここにいること……。
ここに来てよかった
そんな気持ちを
何回の頂目、
いや、十回・百回
もっと数えきれない
ほどの満開の桜を
見ることになる

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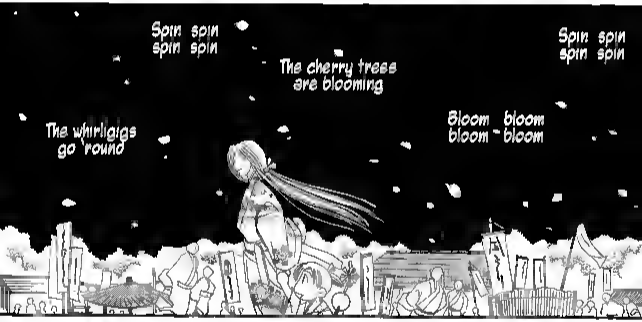
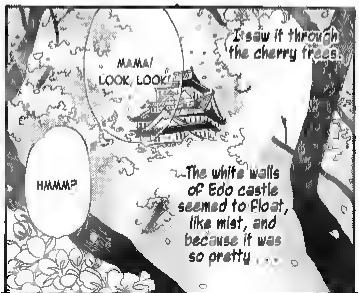
Lately, I've been remembering something...
My little sister was not yet born, and my mother had taken me with her to the fair...
My mother's body had been weak for a long time, and she only rarely went out...
So I remember being very happy that day...
My mother was even more excited than I was
LISTEN, MIKAGE. FIND SOMETHING YOU LIKE AND I'LL BUY IT FOR YOU.
OKAY, THEN, SAKURA-MOCHI TOO, AND THEN...
AH, AND YOMOGI-DAIFUKU, TOO!
WE'LL GO ASK FOR SOME MANJU!
OH, BUT THOSE DANGO LOOK YUMMY TOO, DON'T THEY?
RIGHT, WITH KOUSHIAN AND TSUBUAN
MUM'S YOU'RE BUYING TOO MUCH
EP

THE WHIRLI-GIGS?
THEY'RE PRETTY, AREN'T THEY WE'LL TAKE ONE, PLEASE


Spin spin spin spin
The cherry trees are blooming
Spin spin spin spin
The whirligigs go 'round
Bloom bloom bloom bloom

THE CASTLE'S SO PRETTY!
IT'D BE NICE TO LIVE IN THAT HOUSE, DON'T YOU THINK?


I saw it through the cherry trees.
MAMA! LOOK, LOOK!
HMMM?
The white walls of Edo castle seemed to float, like mist, and because it was so pretty . . .

EP

UH-UH!
AS LONG AS YOU'RE THERE, MAMA I WOULDN'T MIND LIVING IN AN OLD ABANDONED HOUSE!

UH...
I was about to say 'uh-huh', but I happened to glance up and catch sight of my mother's face
For some reason, she looked so sad...

MIKAGE...
YOU'D LIKE TO TRY LIVING IN THAT CASTLE?

I never found out. That same year, my mother became ill and died

Why had Mother looked so sad just then?

AH
REALLY? I'M GLAD
REALLY!
END

I cried so hard I was almost smothered in tears, snot and saliva
The husband and wife from next door, who'd been tending to my mother, cried too
and the four of us filled the house with noise
and, following my lead, my sister Midori started to wail too
Spin spin spin spin
'I promise you, we will raise your children wonderfully'
Eeeeehn
Eeeeehn
Eeeeehn
The couple who would later become my stepfather and stepmother had taken care of me regularly before, and they cried just as hard as I did.
"Princess"
I heard it very clearly
'Yes, we will raise them – Princess'